

THERMAL DATA AUTOMATIC SERVICE SYSTEM

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a system for automatically providing thermal data of IC package to the customer via a communication network, and more specifically, to a system for the customer to obtain a package thermal data.

Background of the Invention

In recent years, the electronic industry is dramatically developed with a brisk step due to the improvement of the semiconductor industry and the wide spread of the computer and the communication techniques. The product is towards to the trend of lighter weight, smaller size, multi-function and faster operation speed. Under such circumstances, the packaging density of a wafer is continuously increased and the IC package is also fabricated with more input/output terminals. Based on prosperous development of knowledge and the unlimited market of the network, the network has become a new channel to commute and purchase goods to people. It also changes the way for people to obtain the information. The network plays an important part in our daily life. Modern network systems must allow computers to electronically communicate with each other in order to ensure shared transmission and manipulation of information. Conventional commerce involves a salesman using a telephone and a facsimile machine to negotiate a sale with a customer. In this method, two parties negotiate transaction items such as the quantity of goods for purchase, specifications of the merchandise, and payment terms. In addition to spending a significant amount of time, the conventional method of commerce is slow, time-intensive and expensive to

initiate and maintain.

Rapid development of the Internet has enabled computer systems to provide an efficient, widely accessible, and secure mechanism for conducting electronic commerce. By connecting most computer systems worldwide, the network allows users to interact using various services such as electronic mail and the World Wide Web (WWW). E-mail allows individuals to communicate with each other by linking a computer system with the Internet. Designed as an easy visual interface for users, the WWW allows a server computer, called a web site, to send graphical web pages of information (web pages) to a client computer and display the web pages. These Web pages may contain control regions, such as simulated push buttons, that allow the user to acquire and display additional related web pages of information in a hypertext fashion. Each client and server has an Internet address called a Uniform Resource Locator ("URL"). The WWW uses the HTTP protocol. Currently, a Hyper Text Markup Language ("HTML") file defines a web page. A browser refers to the software on a client computer that manages the Internet connections and interprets as well as executes the commands in HTML documents. In general, web servers are stateless with respect to client transactions.

Some systems have been invented in the past to provide the service via internet including the system for matching the sellers and the buyers, the good shopping and so on. However, there is no system to provide the service of providing preliminary package thermal data service via a communication network. Thus, there is a need to have a system for the customer himself to obtain the IC package thermal data before the packaging products to be

mass production.

Summary of the Invention

Base on the previous discussion, the object of the present invention is to provide a system for a customer to obtain the preliminary thermal data of IC package layout via a communication network.

An internet thermal data analysis system comprises a processing unit to process information sent by a user via a network, wherein the information comprises a package information. A job database is coupled to the processing unit to store the package information sent by the user, a finite element analysis module is coupled to the processing unit to analysis the information sent by the user. A thermal data report generator is coupled to the processing unit to generate a thermal data simulation in accordance with the information sent by the user. A forwarding module is responsive to the thermal data report generator to forward the thermal data simulation to the user.

Brief Description of the Drawings

FIGURE 1 illustrated a block diagram of the internet thermal data automatic service (iTIDAS) according to the present invention.

FIGURE 2 is a structure of the job database according to the present invention.

FIGURE 3 is a flow chart of the iTIDAS according to the present invention.

FIGURE 4is the outputs of the system according to the present invention.

FIGURES 5-10 are the user end interfaces according to the present

invention.

Detailed Description

The present invention discloses a system that provides the IC package thermal data to the user when some of the related parameters are inputted by the user via an internet. The user may obtain the package's thermal data via a communication network before the device to be mass production. The internet thermal data automatic service (iTIDAS) receives the information from the client firstly. And then iTIDAS process the requests and then informs the thermal data results to the client terminal.

With reference to the FIG. 1, there is illustrated a block diagram of the architecture of the internet thermal data automatic service (iTIDAS) 100 according to the present invention. The (iTIDAS) 100 includes: a user end interface 170, a job data base 160, a storage device 120, a processing unit 110, a package parameter database 130, a thermal analysis module 140, a thermal data simulation report generator 150, and a file transfer software 180. When a custom or a user has a request of about analyze the thermal data of package. He or she then sent the request from the user terminal 200 through of the internet 300 to the user end interface 170. The job data base 160 then prepared an appropriated job form for the user to input the package data from several job forms stored. The package parameter database 130 stored with IC package related information and/or thermal related data. The thermal analysis module 140 contains application software. Thus after receiving the package data from the used end interface, the process unit 110 executing the application software and using the IC package related information and/or thermal related data stored in the package parameter

database 130 to simulated the thermal data of package in responsive to the package data provided by the user.

After executing the application program, provide by the thermal analysis module 140, a simulation report is then generated by the thermal data simulation report generator 150 and uses a file transfer application software 180 to transfer it to the user 200. The typical file transfer application software 180 provided in internet includes FTP (file transfer protocol) HTTP (hypertext transfer protocol) or SMTP (simple mail transfer protocol).

The iTDAS 100 is powerful for customer who needs to estimate preliminary simulation thermal data of an interested IC package. The package type that iTDAS 100 served includes BGA, QUAD, MCM(muti-chip module), CSP and Dual-in-Line family. The BGA(ball grid array) family package that includes but not limited to typical BGA, VIPER BGA, E BGA(Enhance BGA), EPBGA (Enhance Plastic ball grid array), TF BGA (Transfer Flat type Ball Grid Array) and so on. The QUAD family includes but not limited to PLCC (Plastic Leaded Chip Carrier), QFP (Quad Flat package), LQFP (Low Profile Quad Flat Package) /TQFP (Thin Quad Flat Package), the CSP includes but not limited to BCC(Bump Chip Carrier), FC-CSP (Flip Chip- chip scale package) and film BGA. The Dual-in- Line family includes but not limited to PDIP (Plastic Dual In Line Package), TSOP(thin Small Outline Package), SOP (Small Outline Package), SOJ(Small outline J-Lead Package), SSOP (Shrink Small Outline Package).

The job database160 prepared several of job forms about package for user to key-in. FIGURE 2 shows exampled parameter fields. The fields includes, for example, the number of the entrusted job from iTDAS, the user code, date, package type, die size, pad size, package size. If in the BGA

case, it also includes the number of thermal ball along the row or column direction, the number of ring ball along the row or column direction. It further contains the number of the substrate layer and dissipation power. It still contains the information of about whether the job is implemented successfully and the remark or memo of the job.

FIG. 3 is a flow chart in accordance with the present invention. The user may login the iTDAS (step 400). The user may enter data including the package parameters at steps 410. The iTDAS 100 records the information sent from the user and stores the parameter into the storage devices 120, as is listed at the step of 420

Next, step 430, the iTDAS 100 retrieves the information from the user end interface 170. The processing unit 110 activates the thermal analysis module 140 to simulate the thermal data in accordance with the parameter sent by the user. A thermal data simulation report is then generated, as the step of 440.

Afterward, in step 450, the reporter transmitter 180 next forwards the thermal data simulation report to the user through internet 300. FIGURE 4 shows a report the outputs of the system 100 according to the present invention. The thermal data includes Θ_{ja} , $\Theta_{ja} = (T_j - T_a)/P$, wherein T_j indicates the junction temperature and the T_a is the ambient temperature. P indicates the power dissipation. $\Psi_{jt} = (T_j - T_t)/P$, wherein T_t indicates the package top center temperature. $\Theta_{jc} = (T_j - T_c)/P$, wherein T_c indicates the case temperature. The thermal data also includes the parameter of the percentage of heat dissipated from PCB (print circuit board), from the package top and from others.

In the representative embodiment, the user end interface 170 provides

several pieces of forms having blanks for user to fill in some of package relevant parameters, as shown in FIGURES 5-10. The parameters are as follows: package size and pitch, ball number, number of ring of ball, thermal ball number, in x and y direction, respectively, number of thermal via, die size, pad size, substrate layers, PCB layers, T_L , T_A , and power dissipation. FIGURE 10 shows a corresponding job information list in accordance with data of user inputted.

It has to be noted that the configuration of the interface is used for samples, not for limiting the present invention.

As is understood by a person skilled in the art, the foregoing preferred embodiments of the present invention are illustrated of the present invention rather than limiting of the present invention. It is intended to cover various modifications and similar arrangements included within the spirit and scope of the appended claims, the scope of which should be accorded the broadest interpretation so as to encompass all such modifications and similar structure. Thus, while the preferred embodiment of the invention has been illustrated and described, it will be appreciated that various changes can be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.